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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON
FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2.

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1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS QUESTIONS POSED PARA THREE REFTEL:

A. MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE: ECONOMY, FINANCE AND PLAN: AND
COMMERCE AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFLUENCE GOIC
POSITION ON COMMON FUND. FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY FORMALLY
APPROVE GOIC POSITION. BUT ON THIS, AS ON MOST FOREIGN POLICY
QUESTIONS, DIRECTION OF POLICY WILL BE PRIMARILY INFLUENCED BY
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET BOIGNY.

B. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT OFFICIALS FROM ABIDJAN WILL ATTEND THE
NOVEMBER MEETING. GOIC NORMALLY GIVES ONLY GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, BUT DISCUSSIONS WITH
USG REPS COULD SPUR GREATER INTEREST IN THE COMMON FUND, WHICH
IN TURN COULD RESULT IN MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

C. AS LEADER OF A GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY BASED ALMOST
ENTIRELY ON AGRICULTURE, HOUPHOUET HAS AN OBVIOUS AND MAJOR
INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND GOIC HAS
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BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL IN COFFEE AND COCOA
NEGOTIATIONS. IVORY COAST HAS NOT HAD GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE
GROUP OF 77, WHICH IT FEELS HAS TOO OFTEN BEEN DOMINATED BY
RADICALS, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SIGNS OF IVORY COST'S
READINESS TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE. HOUPHOUET HIMSELF IS
INCREASINGLY SEEN AS ONE OF LEADERS OF MODERATE GROUP IN G-77
AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AS SHOWN MOST RECENTLY IN HIS PERFOR-

MANCE AT OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE. ALTHOUGH BASICALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE WEST, HE HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS VOICED HIS DISMAY AT THE SLOW PACE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS AND AT THE LACK OF TANGIBLE PROGRESS SO FAR ACHIEVED. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT BY A WASHINGTON EXPERT TO DISCUSS COMMON FUND AND OTHER NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS MIGHT PROVE VERY USEFUL, AND SUGGESTS THAT VISITORS BE OF HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO WARRANT PERSONAL MEETING WITH HOUPHOUET. IVORY COAST MAY NOT BE A MAJOR FORCE IN G-77, BUT, AS EMBASSY HAS ELSEWHERE NOTED, IT CAN BE SOMETHING OF A TOUCHSTONE FOR U.S. POLICY IN DEALING WITH LDC'S. IF HOUPHOUET, ONE OF G-77'S MOST REASONABLE AND RESPONSIBLE STATESMAN, IS UNSUASUED BY U.S. POSITION ON COMMON FUND, IT IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH BITTER OPPOSITION ELSEWHERE. EQUALLY, HOUPHOUET'S SUPPORT WILL BE HELPFUL WITH OTHER G-77 MODERATES. IVORY COAST IS NOT INCLINED TOO SHARPLY TO BREAK G-77 SOLIDARITY (WITNESS GOIC'S DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE AT ILO) BUT AT THE SAME TIME IS ANXIOUS TO PREVENT G-77 DOMINATION BY RADICAL BUT VOCAL MINORITY. COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AREA TO SEEK IVORIAN SUPPORT. COOKE

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